

As a consumer who has suffered through the quality of internet service service provided by a "Bell company", I exhort you to not allow this to happen, The local phone suppliers operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate any other ISP that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers; to do otherwise will push independent providers out of business and cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.